Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The National Safety Council urges all persons to carry medical history information and identification with them at all times to protect them in times of emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, The Council estimates that one out of every five Americans has some pre-existing condition that requires emergency medical identification that can speak for these persons with hidden medical conditions when they are unable to speak for themselves; and,

WHEREAS, The American Medical Association encourages everyone including healthy individuals to carry medical information on their person at all times in case of emergency so as not to delay treatment; and,

WHEREAS, The National Safety Council Medical Information Card provides an instant method of supplying accurate identification and information in an emergency for those injured seriously in an accident or those persons having special medical problems such as diabetes, heart condition, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, The National Safety Council Medical Information Card provides identification for the active sports enthusiast, jogger and swimmer who typically dress in light attire and do not carry a wallet; and,

WHEREAS, Residents may procure applications for the National Safety Council Medical Information Card by contacting the South Dakota Safety Council, 109 South Main Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57102, (605)338-0472, or your local Super Valu Store; and,

WHEREAS, An application for the National Safety Council Medical Information Card, a micro-film card containing the person's medical history, will serve to obtain this device which "Speaks for you when you can't speak for yourself" and serves to protect yourself in emergencies:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 1983, as

HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and publicly urge our citizens to avail themselves of this service for protection in emergencies.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLUM GOVERNOR

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